

## SENATE BILL NO. 251

INTRODUCED BY J. O'NEIL

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE IMMEDIATE APPEAL OF A DENIAL OF A REQUEST FOR A JURY TRIAL IN CIVIL ACTIONS; AND PROVIDING AN IMMEDIATE EFFECTIVE DATE AND AN APPLICABILITY DATE."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

**NEW SECTION. Section 1. Immediate appeal of denial of request for jury trial -- civil action.** If, at any time before trial in a civil action, a party requests a jury trial and the court denies the request, the court order denying a jury trial is considered a final order and is immediately appealable.

**NEW SECTION. Section 2. Codification instruction.** [Section 1] is intended to be codified as an integral part of Title 25, chapter 12, part 1, and the provisions of Title 25, chapter 12, part 1, apply to [section 1].

**NEW SECTION. Section 3. Effective date.** [This act] is effective on passage and approval.

**NEW SECTION. Section 4. Applicability.** [This act] applies to actions commenced on or after [the effective date of this act].

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